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AAFCS and its members represent family and consumer sciences concerns and priorities with Congress, the media, and Federal policy makers. Your membership makes us collectively stronger.

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AAFCS provides resources family and consumer sciences educators can use to help demonstrate the value of their programs to key decision makers. A member can also request a letter of support signed by AAFCS leaders for his or her FCS program.

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Take advantage of dynamic professional development opportunities at the AAFCS Conference and Expo.

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Whether you're searching for a new job or great talent, our online career center is the place to achieve your employment goals.

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Membership in AAFCS is your gateway to national and international fellowships to support graduate and post-secondary study in family and consumer sciences.

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AAFCS offers professional certification in family and consumer sciences.

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Every year members compete for grants to support research studies in family and consumer sciences.

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FCS in the News

Media Clippings by Keyword* (February 1 – 28, 2009)

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences 2

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*as reported by FNS NewsClips Online

News Highlights

February 11, 2009 - In "Parent Mightier Than Pot, Research Shows," published on UPI.com, FCS co-author Gene Brody said that the findings show the power of parenting over genetic traits.

February 23, 2009 - AAFCS provided statistics and information for "Home-Ec Class Isn't Dominated by Girls Anymore," published in *The Denver Post*.

For more information and news, please visit www.aafcs.org.

Is Your Secondary Program at Risk of Being Eliminated? Tools from AAFCS Can Help!

Although family and consumer sciences (FCS) classes provide critical life skills to students, some school districts will eliminate these classes and others not seen as part of the "core curriculum" when they are faced with budget cuts. To help you keep these classes in schools, AAFCS is providing resources that demonstrate the value and depict an accurate and positive image of FCS classes.

Originally created by Marilyn R. Swierk, CFCS, AAFCS president-elect, a one-page **FCS secondary school fact sheet** is now included in the PR/Media Tool Kit. It can be downloaded from the Tool Kit, which is posted in the AAFCS Web Portal at www.aafcs.org. You will see the PR/Media Tool Kit link in the Members-Only section of the Web Portal. The revised fact sheet has important statistics and program information that can be given to decision makers, along with a letter of support from AAFCS. Members may request a **letter of support** by emailing pr@aafcs.org or calling AAFCS at 1-800-424-8080. You may also want to consider purchasing copies of the **FCS Showcase Edition** of the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences* with examples of outstanding FCS programs. If ordering fewer than 25, the cost is \$10 each. Email pr@aafcs.org to order. Another way to gain credibility and visibility for your program is to participate in the new **AAFCS Pre-Professional Assessment and Credentialing (Pre-PAC)** program. Visit www.aafcs.org/prepac for more information.

New Obesity Prevention Materials Available from the BodyWorks Program

Designed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health, *BodyWorks* is an obesity prevention program that helps parents and caregivers of adolescent girls and boys improve family eating and activity habits. Now available in English and Spanish, the program focuses on parents as role models and provides them with hands-on tools to make small, specific behavior changes to help maintain healthy weight and prevent obesity. The program includes one six-hour training module for trainers and ten 90-minute weekly sessions for parents and caregivers. To check out the toolkit materials, learn how to become a trainer, or find out how to partner with *BodyWorks* to implement the program, please visit www.womenshealth.gov/bodyworks or send an email to bodyworks@hagerssharp.com.

Researching FCS History? Check out the Women's History and Resource Center!

The Women's History and Resource Center of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, headquartered in Washington, D.C., documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, special collections, publications, exhibits, and programs. GFWC members were among the earliest supporters of the home economics movement and have been at the forefront of family and consumer advocacy. For more information about the WHRC and its collections, please visit www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Womens_History_and_Resource_Center.asp?SnID=915508648 or contact WHRC@GFWC.org.

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